

# **PESTICIDE INCIDENT REPORTING AND TRACKING REVIEW PANEL**

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

**JANUARY 20, 2005**

**WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
7171 CLEANWATER LANE, BLDG 5, TUMWATER WASHINGTON**

### **PANEL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

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Dorothy Tibbetts	Department of Health	(360) 236-3361
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Maria Victoria Peeler	Department of Ecology	(360) 407-6704
Ann Wick	Department of Agriculture (WSDA)	(360) 902-2051
Karen Ripley	Department of Natural Resources (DNR)	(360) 902-1691
Steven Gilbert	Practicing Toxicologist	(206) 527-0926
William Robertson	Washington Poison Center (WPC)	(206) 517-2356
Gabrielle Toutonghi	Department of Labor and Industries	(360) 902-5478

### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Maryanne Guichard, Chair	Department of Health (DOH)	(360) 236-3391
Allan Felsot	Washington State University (WSU)	(509) 372-7365
Alice Larson	General Public	(206) 463-9000
Vacant	Department of Fish & Wildlife	

### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Joe Cropley	Washington Poison Center	(206) 517-2383
Heather Hansen	Friends of Farms and Forests	(360) 705-2040
Hollye Powell	Washington Poison Center	(206) 517-2356
Allan Welch	EPA Region 10	

### **Opening**

Dorothy Tibbetts called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The January meeting agenda was approved. The November 17, 2004 meeting summary was approved with correction.

## **PIRT Review Panel Activities**

### **2004 PIRT Annual Report Status**

The introduction and agency report sections of the 2004 PIRT Annual Report were distributed to panel members for review on January 14, 2005. DOH is addressing the suggestions submitted by panel members. Members are requested to have any additional comments to DOH by January 28, 2005.

### **Legislative Update on Pesticide-related bills**

HB 1110 Pesticide application. Relates to recertification standards for private applicators of pesticides; specifically, increases the number of credits allowed to be taken per year from 8 to 12 to satisfy the 5 year requirement.

HB 1388 Pesticide use in schools. Relates to pesticide application in school facilities; limits the use high hazard pesticides.

SB 5030 Toxic exposure reporting. Creates a toxic exposure reporting and tracking review panel. The panel discussed the morning's Senate hearing on the bill.

SB 5188 Children's environmental health. Establishes a children's environmental health protection advisory council and addresses children's environmental justice health issues.

### **Draft 2005 Action Recommendations**

Discussion continued on the Panel action recommendations for 2005.

### **PIRT Report to Senate Agriculture Committee**

The Senate Agriculture Committee requested that the PIRT panel present information on PIRT activities and current pesticide issues on January 27, 2005. Maryanne Guichard, Ann Wick, Maria Victoria Peeler and an L&I representative will attend.

### **DOH Worker Protection Standard interview questions – Dorothy Tibbetts**

DOH is revising the original NIOSH questions relating to Worker Protection Standards. DOH will evaluate the usefulness of questions aimed at;

- Awareness of pesticide hazards
- Whether training was provided
- Level of understanding of the information provided in training

Given the limitations of the interview process, it may be difficult to elicit some of this information. WSDA, Ecology and Allan Welch, EPA Region X, offered to review the questions for DOH. The questions will be sent out in February.

### **Discussion on proposed PIRT RCW Revisions – Ann Wick**

Ann Wick presented the attached proposals for revision of the RCW relating to the PIRT panel for discussion. The suggested changes address current agency roles in pesticide-related incident management.

## **Agency Updates**

### **Agriculture**

The Working Committee on Airblast and Aircraft pesticide applications near schools, hospitals, nursing homes and similar establishments met December 13, 2004 in Ellensburg. A rule change is being drafted. The committee plans to have a draft to the Pesticide Advisory Council for review by February 16, 2005.

WSDA is tracking SB 5125 on reducing heavy metals in area soils with high child use.

### **Ecology**

The response to SB 5030 on toxic exposure reporting is requiring extensive staff time.

Maria Victoria Peeler suggested that PIRT agencies do a presentation to Ecology Spill Program investigators on the roles of each agency in responding to a pesticide-related incident. It would help investigators to understand what additional information would be useful to PIRT.

### **Health**

DOH has been preparing the Talking Points for the PIRT presentation to the Senate Agriculture Committee. The Pesticide Program has been working on the interview questions concerning cause of pesticide-related incidents. The purpose of this is to make Pesticide Incident Monitoring System data more useful for prevention.

## **WPC**

WPC staff are involved in the ongoing issue of lead in the drinking water of some Seattle schools. Dr. Robertson reported on the morning's (prior to the PIRT meeting) Senate hearing on SB 5030.

### **Future Meeting Agendas:**

Tom Gibbs (DOH) will present information on the status of West Nile Virus activities in Washington State at the February 2005 meeting.

WSDA inspectors will discuss Worker Protection Standard education and outreach for Spanish-speaking applicators in March or April 2005.

Washington State attendees at the International Drift Conference (October, 2004 in Hawaii) will be asked to present information on the new technologies available for minimizing drift. Barb Morrissey (DOH), Allan Felsot (WSU) and Cliff Weed (WSDA) attended the conference.

### **Future Meetings:**

PIRT meets on the third Thursday of each month. All Seattle meetings will be held at the State Public Health Lab, 1601 NE 150<sup>th</sup> Street, Room S4. All Olympia meetings will be held at the Department of Health, 7171 Cleanwater Lane, Building 4 Conference Room.

February 17, 2005 – Olympia  
March 17, 2005 – Olympia  
April 21, 2005 – Seattle  
May 19, 2005 – Olympia  
June 16, 2005 – Olympia  
July 21, 2005 – Seattle  
August – No meeting  
September 15, 2005 – Olympia  
October 20, 2005 – Seattle  
November 17, 2005 – Olympia  
December – No meeting

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 a.m.

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